

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 01, 2017

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Siddoway, Vice Chairman Hagedorn, Senators Davis, Hill, Winder, Lakey, Stennett, and Buckner-Webb

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Lodge

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CONVENED: **Chairman Siddoway** called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:05 a.m.

RS 25027 **Senator Marv Hagedorn**, District 14, stated that **RS 25027** is a concurrent resolution recognizing the efforts of the American Legion in Idaho. **Senator Hagedorn** stated the American Legion nationally has a membership of 2.4 million service men and women who have served in the military. The American Legion puts on Boys State every year, and their counterparts in the American Legion Auxiliary run Girls State, and they run basketball, baseball, and oratorical events for youth in Idaho, and have for many years. **Senator Hagedorn** noted that he himself attended Boys State in 1973. **Senator Hagedorn** stated this legislation would set a day of recognition for the American Legion as the second Thursday of each January, which coincides with the American Legion's annual meeting.

Senator Davis stated the former Minority Leader in the House, Representative Rusche, was the initial creator of this bill; Senator Hagedorn took over in his absence.

MOTION: **Senator Davis** moved to send **RS 25027** to print. **Senator Lakey** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 24810 **Katherine Gerrity** from Legislative Services introduced **RS 24810**, an annual Codifier's Code bill correcting errors in the Idaho Code.

MOTION: **Senator Davis** moved to send **RS 24810** to print. **Senator Hagedorn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: Brian Scigliano to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.

Senator Hagedorn moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Brian Scigliano to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights to the Senate floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: Estella O. Zamora to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.

Senator Lakey moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Estella O. Zamora to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights to the Senate floor with the recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

VOTE ON Megan Ronk to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.

**GUBERNATORIAL
APPOINTMENT:**

Senator Hill moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Megan Ronk to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights to the Senate floor with the recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Hagedorn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**VOTE ON
GUBERNATORIAL
APPOINTMENT:**

Paul Jagosh to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.

Senator Winder moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Paul Jagosh to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights to the Senate floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL
REAPPOINTMENT
HEARING:**

Warren Bakes to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board. **Chairman Siddoway** introduced Warren Bakes, who conducted the interview over the phone.

Chairman Siddoway asked Mr. Bakes about his time on the Endowment Fund Investment Board (EFIB) and to explain some of the challenges he had faced and the opportunities Mr. Bakes saw for the future. **Mr. Bakes** stated it had been a wonderful experience working with Larry Johnson and his staff. **Mr. Bakes** said the EFIB was near and dear to his heart, as he had spent 32 years in public schools as a teacher, principal and superintendent, and then 22 years as a faculty member at the University of Idaho. **Mr. Bakes** stated the EFIB was important to him because so much of the revenue generated there goes back in Idaho schools. He had thoroughly enjoyed his time working on the EFIB. **Mr. Bakes** stated it was a tremendous responsibility to work on the EFIB, which manages nearly \$2 billion dollars, but he has learned a lot and made a lot of contacts whom he greatly appreciates. **Mr. Bakes** stated he felt he had been a contributing member of the EFIB and had only missed one meeting.

Senator Hagedorn thanked Mr. Bakes for his service and asked Mr. Bakes what he saw was the biggest challenge for the EFIB in the next few years. **Mr. Bakes** stated the main challenge would be to make sure all of the recipients are fully funded for five years so they could predict their income. **Mr. Bakes** stated he believed everyone was in good order in regards to knowing how much money school administrators can build into their budgets although the volatility of the market in the upcoming years may be difficult. **Mr. Bakes** stated the EFIB recently had a 18 percent return but was looking for a 3-5 percent return in the next few years. **Mr. Bakes** reiterated that the significant issue would be making sure the next five years are well funded and maximizing revenue over the next few years.

Chairman Siddoway stated a vote on the Gubernatorial reappointment would take place at the next meeting of the Committee.

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APPROVAL:**

Senator Hagedorn moved to accept the Joint Committee Meeting with the House Environment, Energy and Technology Committee minutes of January 16, 2017, as written. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, **Chairman Siddoway** adjourned the Committee at 8:20 a.m.

Senator Siddoway
Chair

Twyla Melton, Secretary

David Bujarski, Assistant Secretary